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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS: FRENCH
POSITION

REF: (A) STATE 158460, (B) USNATO 6594, (C) USNATO 6478

1. THE FRENCH DELEGATION HAS CIRCULATED A LETTER REAFFIRM-
ING ITS POSITION REGARDING PART I OF THE OUTLINE FOR EAST-
WEST STUDY, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL THROUGH THE
SILENCE PROCEDURE ON JULY 8.

2. REGARDING THE LAST SENTENCE SUBPARAGRAPH IA(I) OF THE
OUTLINE ON TRENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE FRENCH LETTER
STATES "THE AGREED FORMULATION CAN ONLY COVER THE EVENTUAL
INFLUENCE, ON GENERAL TRENDS IN THE SOVIET UNION, OF THE
FACTUAL SITUATION REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF WESTERN
CREDIT, TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMERCE. THIS FORMULATION SHOULD
THEREFORE BE INTERPRETED AS ABSOLUTELY EXCLUDING THE STUDY
OF THE INFLUENCE ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE SOVIET UNION OF
ANYTHING TOUCHING ON THE POLICIES OR VOLUNTARY ACTIONS,
WHETHER OR NOT COORDINATED OR CONCERTED, OF WESTERN COUN-
TRIES IN THE AREAS OF CREDIT, TECHNOLOGY, OR COMMERCE."

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THE LETTER ALSO NOTES THAT THE FRENCH SEE NO NEED FOR EARLY
AGREEMENT ON PART III OF THE OUTLINE AND THAT FRENCH CON-
TRIBUTIONS TO PART I MAY NOT BE READY BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

3. COMMENT: IN ESSENCE, THE FRENCH HAVE RESTATED THE
POSITION ON THIS POINT THAT THEY PRESENTED AT THE JULY 5
SPC MEETING (REF C). WE SEE NO NEED TO TAKE ISSUE WITH

THIS UNILATERAL FRENCH STATEMENT AT THIS STAGE, ALTHOUGH
WE EXPECT FRENCH TOUCHINESS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF
WESTERN CREDITS, TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMERCE WILL CONTINUE TO
BE EVIDENCED AS SPC WORK ON THE STUDY PROCEEDS. END COM-
MENT. BENNETT

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